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Chief M. H. Estep
Chairman, Fire Chiefs Technical Committee
Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments
1875 Eye Street, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20006-5454

Dear Mr. Estep:

Thank you for inviting a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Officer to address the Fire Chiefs Technical Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. We believe, however, that your kind invitation should be directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which bears a responsibility for domestic counterterrorism that CIA does not. For your information, CIA's role in countering international terrorism is generally limited to the foreign environment.

Your request for intelligence on domestic terrorism should also be directed to the FBI. We have forwarded a copy of your letter to the FBI so that they might anticipate your request.

Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Officer to the
Deputy Director for Administration

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- 1 - EXO/OS-- [redacted]
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PLEASE PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR EXO/DDA'S SIGNATURE. TELL THEM THAT WE BELIEVE THEIR INTEREST WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY CONTACTING THE FBI WHO HAS NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC TERRORISM. YOU CAN ALSO SAY SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WHILE WE ARE ~~VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH~~ FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION CONCERNING TERRORISM AND SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE FBI. THE CIA IS NOT INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN DOMESTIC COUNTERTERRORISM. ALSO NOTE TO THE ADDRESSEE THAT WE FORWARDED A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE FBI SO THAT THEY MIGHT ANTICIPATE THEIR INQUIRY.

PLEASE COORDINATE YOUR RESPONSE WITH [] EXO/OS *and* []

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REMARKS *Ed, we believe that their interest in obtaining better intelligence on domestic terrorism would be better directed to the FBI. CIA has no role other than that of self-defense like any other agency.*

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D/S:

① adds: "You may want to pass a copy to the Bureau."

② Suggest you keep an eye on EO-12036 if local police elements also get involved in the Fire Chiefs' Program

cc: D/OMS for Safety Division
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To 6: Yours for appropriate action. (You may want to pass a copy to the Bureau.)

Executive Secretary
17 Mar 86
Date _____

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March 4, 1986

William J. Casey
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing in my capacity as the Chairman of the Fire Chiefs Technical Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), to express our concern over an issue that affects the entire Metropolitan Washington region. This Committee, composed of the Fire Chiefs from the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia, meets regularly to discuss regional issues. Because of the increasing number of incidents, and the very fact of our location at the nation's capital, we are currently examining the issue of domestic terrorism.

Our fire/rescue services respond to acts of terrorism to provide fire suppression, to administer emergency medical care and, in some jurisdictions, to defuse explosive devices. Although we have a well defined system of mutual aid response in times of life-threatening emergencies, this does not guarantee our safety in situations about which we do not know all the facts. Our personnel often respond to acts of terrorism without the benefit of prior intelligence.

We believe it is important to discuss the issue of safety and intelligence planning for fire/rescue responders to terrorist activities, and have scheduled a special meeting for this purpose. The meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 30, 1986 at the Ramada Inn, New Carrollton, Maryland. Since your agency has a role in combatting or responding to acts of terrorism, we believe it would be mutually beneficial if you are represented at the meeting. We therefore request that you or a policy level representative authorized to speak for you attend, and present a briefing about your agency's role, responsibilities and capabilities related to domestic terrorism. We are anxious not only to learn more about your agency, but also to share with you our concerns regarding the fire/rescue service's role. Since several other agencies will also be attending, we ask that your presentation be limited to approximately 15

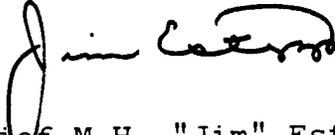
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minutes, following which there will be time for discussions and questions. We look forward to your participation at this meeting which will address an issue of regional concern, and ask that you submit to me at the letterhead address, by April 15th, an outline or abstract along with a short biography of the presenter. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (301/952-4730), or Kirk Johnson or Jacqueline Emminizer (202/223-6800).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Estepp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Chief M.H. "Jim" Estepp
Chairman
Fire Chiefs Technical Committee